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SUBJECT:MBFR: OPTION III AND PORTUGAL

1. SYG LUNS ON LULY 10 CALLED A MEETING OF AMBASSADORS MINUS PORTUGAL TO DISCUSS PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE ALLIED POSITION ON OPTION III. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED HIS CONCERN RE THE SECURITY OF OPTION III WITH AMBASSADOR DE FREITAS CRUZ. THE LATTER HAD AGREED NOT TO ATTEND NAC MEETINGS ON OPTION III, AND TO INSTRUCT HIS REP ON SPC NOT TO ATTEND SPC MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT. SYG SAID THAT DE FREITAS CRUZ SAW THIS AS LOGICAL PARALLEL WITH PORTUGAL'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN NPG DISCUSSIONS. DE FREITAS CRUZ WOULD BE ABLE TO READ DOCUMENTS ON OPTION III IN SYG'S OFFICE.

2. SEVERAL PERMREPS NOTED NEED FOR UTMOST SECRECY RE THIS ARRANGEMENT, AND URGED THAT REPORTING ON IT BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. PERMREPS NOTED THE RISKS DE FREITAS CRUZ' DECISION POSED FOR HIS RELATIONS WITH LISBON. CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE THAT IF DE FREITAS CRUZ ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY WITH HIS GOVERNMENT OVER THIS ARRANGEMENT, IT COULD BE PORTRAYED AS LOGICAL PARALLEL WITH PORTUGUESE NON-PARTICIPATION IN NPG, AS INTERPRETED BY SYG WITH CONSENT OF 15, AND WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT DE FREITAS CRUZ COULD WITHDRAW FROM THE ARRANGEMENT IF HE WISHED.

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3. SYG THOUGHT SOMETHING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE ABOUT ANY PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO OPTION III DOCUMENTS IN VIENNA, BUT THE FALL NEGOTIATING ROUND WOULD BE TIME ENOUGH.
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